

Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
Advisory Council

Department of Liquor Control  
13 Green Mountain Drive  
Montpelier, Vermont

Wednesday, July 22, 2015  
10:00AM – 12:00PM

**I. Welcome and introductions:**

**Welcome:**

Welcome everyone

**Introductions**

Mitch Barron  
Matthew Amadon  
Erin Devost  
Rebecca Fenn  
Mark Weikert  
Chauncey Liese  
Donna McAllister  
Barbara Cimaglio  
Peter Espenshade  
Marcia LaPlante  
Steve Waldo

**Regrets**

John Gramuglia  
Melanie Gaiotti  
Bob Uerz  
Patrick Martin  
Cindy Thomas  
Lori Augustyniak  
Mark Ames  
Willa Farrell  
Todd Bauman  
Mark Depman  
Jennifer Wall-Howard  
Rita Johnson  
Michael Hogan  
Amanda Fulmer  
Marcus Hass

Greg Nagurney  
Matthew Birmingham

- I. **Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes reviewed from May 27, 2015. Minutes approved with no corrections/edits/additions.

- II. **ADAP Report Out**

**Highlights:**

**H20:** Allows Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors to bill Medicaid for services that are provided outside of the preferred provider environment, whereas previously they were only allowed to bill Medicaid through a preferred provider. As required in H20, recommendations for the oversight of LADCs to move from ADAP to the Office of Professional Regulation will be compiled by OPR and ADAP for a report to legislature in January, 2016.

Senator Leahy and the Governor held a press conference to announce the SAMHSA Prevention Grant awarded to ADAP. The governor is interested in prevention and is concerned that communities don't have more prevention resources. Marcia LaPlante noted that the focus is regional prevention partnerships to reduce binge drinking for people between the ages of 18-25 year olds and strengthen community prevention capacity. The grant allows the continued expansion of capacity to the other regions not already covered. Next step for ADAP is to expand the training, education and communication (campaign) on the health effects of marijuana. Reminder that this council advises the grant and ADAP will be looking for insight and direction around how to reach out to communities.

The Department of Health will be collaborating with law enforcement on the best approach to addressing underage drinking. Barbara Cimaglio notes that this is about community needs. The state government and law enforcement should come together with the community around prevention work.

ADAP has applied for two grants. One focuses on Medication Assisted Treatment in two designated regions, Barbara should have an update at the next meeting.

There will be a Prescription Drug Workgroup on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at VDH. Erin Devost will send out agenda and invitation.

Secretary Hal Cohen will be attending the September meeting. Prep next meeting.

The council went over new council membership appointees (attachment from Barbara). The meeting will continue be an “open meeting” so current members can continue to (and are encouraged to) attend. In addition, went over the duties and reporting responsibilities of the council. Council must submit a report on November 15<sup>th</sup> to the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare. Next meeting: go over what to include on the report; goals, accomplishments and roles of members.

Staff changes: Barbara will continue being the liaison for the council. Marcia’s new position is Director of Planning and Community Services. Interviews will begin next week for a new Clinical Services Director. ADAP will be posting for replacement positions for Evan Smith and Kerrie Taylor.

## **II. Member Updates/Announcements**

### **Prevention & Education:**

**Marcia LaPlante:** Kelly LaMonda is working with Bob Uerz on the tobacco and prevention grant.

**Donna McAllister:** Bob Uerz is working on his tobacco grant. He is determining if schools are ready to implement plan.

**Peter Espenshade:** Reminder of Prevention Day in Montpelier on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Mark Weikert:** Set-up conferences about marijuana use from the perspectives of kids and parents.

### **Treatment:**

**Mitch Barron:** Looking to expand on ideas and strategies on early treatment and prevention.

### **Recovery and Resiliency:**

**Peter Espenshade:** \*Save the Date

### **Enforcement and Justice:**

**Matthew Amadon:** Public Safety’s main focus is heroin. VSP notes that people are continuing to seek out new forms of heroin. There is a new form that includes some kind of albuterol medication in it. The albuterol opens up the system which allows faster uptake and stronger high.

**Steve Waldo:** Discussed the form of “dabbing” (a way to administer a marijuana product) and concerns around this product. He wants to try to have law enforcement officials become more aware of the types of marijuana and how it is used. In addition, he addressed the problems of Brewfest. Brewfest is a great idea for beer vendors, but attendees are becoming harder to contain after the event.

### **Event Reminders and Links:**

#### **\*Save the Date:**

9/2/15 – Prescription Drug Abuse Workgroup, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT in Conference Room 2B

9/26/15 – Rally for Recovery on Church Street, Burlington, VT

10/26/15 – Prevention Day in Montpelier, VT

11/4/15 – VAMHAR Annual Meeting; focus on substance abuse and the elderly, Capital Plaza, Montpelier, VT

Link to Trello website:

[www.trello.com](http://www.trello.com)

Link to Opiate Dashboard:

<http://www.healthvermont.gov/adap/dashboard/opioids.aspx>

### **Future Presentations/presenters (NOTES):**

- Invite a subject matter expert to present to the council about medication assisted treatment. (John Brooklyn, Stacey Sigmon).
- Presentation on restorative justice as it relates to substance abuse.
- Bobby Sand, Karen Genette, Monica Hutt - to discuss S295
- Hannah Rose
- Debbie Haskins – Smart VT Coalition